

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 12, 13, 15-18, 20-22, 24, 25, and 27-29 have been amended; claims 1, 11, and 31-33 have been canceled; and claims 3, 6, 10, 14, 19, 23, 26, and 30 remain unchanged. Thus, claims 2-10 and 12-30 are pending.

Claims 1-8, 11-12, 15, 20-28, 31 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dankberg et al. (5,596,439).

Claims 1, 11, 15, 20 and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dankberg et al.

Claims 13-14 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dankberg et al. in view of Nam (2001/0016014).

As amended, all the pending claims of the subject application comply with all requirements of 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, Applicant requests examination and allowance of all pending claims.

Claims Indicated as Allowable - Claims 9, 10, 29, and 30

Applicants earnestly thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 9, 10, 29, and 30 if amended to include the limitations of the independent claims from which they depend. Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1, and is therefore now allowable. Claim 10 depends from claim 9 and includes all of the limitations of claim 9, and is therefore also believed to be allowable for at least the reasons stated above for claim 9. Claim 29 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11, and is therefore now allowable. Claim 30 depends from claim 29 and includes all of the limitations of claim 29, and is therefore also believed to be allowable for at least the reasons stated above for claim 29. As such, claims 9, 10, 29, and 30 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-8 and 12-28

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7-9 have been amended to depend from claim 9, and therefore include all of the limitations of claim 9. For at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 9, claims 2, 4, 5, 7-9 are allowable.

Claims 3 and 6 depend from claims 2 and 5, respectively. Claims 2 and 5 each depends from claim 9. Claims 3 and 6 therefore include all of the limitations of claim 9 and are allowable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 9.

Claims 12, 13, 15-18, 20-22, 24, 25, 27, and 28 have been amended to depend from claim 29, and therefore include all of the limitations of claim 29. For at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 29, claims 12, 13, 15-18, 20-22, 24, 25, 27, and 28 are allowable.

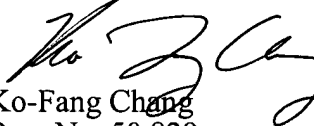
Claims 14, 19, 23, and 26 depend from claims 13, 18, 22, and 25, respectively. Claims 13, 18, 22, and 25 each depends from claim 29. Claims 14, 19, 23, and 26 therefore include all of the limitations of claim 29 and are allowable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 29.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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